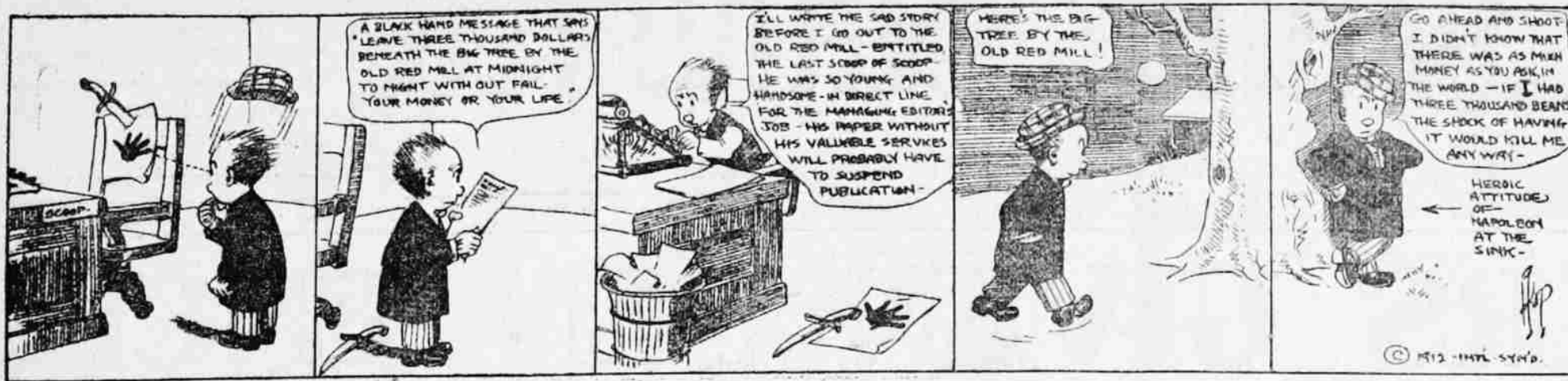


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## REMARKABLE YEAR IN SPORT WORLD

(By Monty.)

New York, Dec. 30.—Another year is drawing to its close, and a remarkable year it has been in the world of sport. When the thoughts are turned backward for a decade it is seen that every year during that expanse has been called a remarkable year. And it has been true in every case, in that each year has been a remarkable one as compared with its predecessors. In other words, there has been big progress every year, so big in fact that at the end it looks as though there is hardly room for any more advance. Yet it comes, or has come, until now sporting activities take a prominent part in the life scheme of almost every able-bodied citizen.

More different lines of sporting competition were well to the fore during the year 1912 than in any other. But three in particular attracted a most unprecedented amount of attention. They were baseball, which saw its most prosperous season, culminating with the greatest world series in all history; track athletics, which received a phenomenal revival all over the world through the wonderful set of record breaking Olympic games at Stockholm; and boxing, which flourished in many distant parts of the country, with New York, New Orleans and the California centers providing the best action.

Many Unexpected Events. One thing that impresses in a review of the kaleidoscope motion that began with January 1 and still continues up to the very end, was the unusual number of unexpected events, upsetting the old time champions, smashing of long standing records and upheavals of many kinds in personnel and general organization of rival bodies in various lines.

Baseball, the national pastime, enjoyed not only its greatest season of playing and money making, but its greatest off-season, with an unequalled array of bizarre developments. The kicking out of Horace Fogel from

organized ball for his malicious attempt to besmirch "the golden soos" is paralleled nowhere in baseball annals of the past. It marked the greatest victory for any big league president when Thomas J. Lynch, head of the National League, went through with what he started by resenting the affront to the game by Fogel.

Stars Released Outright. The spectacle of men like Roger Bresnahan and Frank Chance being released outright at the same time is another development without its duplicate in history. Other unusual developments of the year in baseball were the strike of the Detroit Tigers, the forming of the Baseball Players' fraternity, the attempt and failure of the United States league to break into existence as opposition to the two major leagues, the almost absolute proof that there has been syndicate baseball in the case of practically identical ownership of the Philadelphia and Chicago National league clubs, the friction within the Boston Nationals that resulted in the ousting of John Montgomery Ward and consequent sole ownership of James E. Gaffney and the troubles of Mrs. Helen Robinson Britton as owner of the St. Louis Cardinals.

New Crop of Managers. The new year introduces to the fans of the country a new crop of managers. In the National league there are Evers at Chicago, Tinker at Cincinnati, Stallings at Boston and Hughson at St. Louis. In the American league there is Frank Chance, who will sign up in a few days to be leader of the New York Yankees.

The baseball champions of the universe are the Red Sox of Boston, also owning the American league pennant, having overthrown the hitherto invincible Athletics. The National league champions are the New York Giants. The leading batsmen of the years are Ty Cobb, again in the American league, and Heinie Zimmerman, who replaces Hans Wagner at the forefront in the National. The greatest pitchers of the year hardly can be determined from the statistics. In the American league Joe Wood wins on the old system of games won and

lost, but he had the champion Red Sox behind him, so many rate Walter Johnson of Washington and Ed Walsh of Chicago, above him. In the National league, the three star New Yorkers seem to belong on top—Tesserau, Mathewson and Marquard, with Nop Rucker of Brooklyn, not far in the rear. Milan of Washington, is the leading base runner of the universe, despite the fact that Ty Cobb still was on the job.

Titles Change Hands. Boxing has been practically free from molestation by the law during the twelve months, the principal reason being that the sport was conducted in such a way that there were few occasions for any objections being raised. Moreover the bouts have been interesting in many cases, the heavyweight, lightweight and middleweight divisions lending the best action. It can be said that three titles changed hands during the year—the lightweight through the defeat of Wolfgang by Willie Ritchie, the featherweight by the victory of Johnny Kilbane over Abe Attell and the heavyweight because of the forcing into retirement of a certain undesirable party in Chicago.

Luther McCarty is the holder of the heavyweight title at this date by virtue of his triumph over Jim Flynn, but whether he will hold it after New Year's day depends largely on how well Al Palzer weathers the fray with him on the coast.

Coulton Clings to Title. Johnny Coulton still clings to his bantam title, but the welter and middleweight crowns still are unworn, unless one wants to class Mike Gibbons as a welterweight. We had opined ten months ago that the middleweight and welterweight championships would be cleared up if Gibbons would join the larger class and Paddy McFarland the welter. Gibbons is the best middleweight fighter in the world in our opinion. But Mike showed himself too faint-hearted, in other words a coward, to have success against the biggest men. Had he gone after McGorty he could have won easily, but he preferred to stay at a distance, though it required plentiful marathon-

ing to do so. Frank Klaus just now looks like the best middleweight.

Uncrowning of Ralph Rose. Among the unusual happenings in track and field athletics were the uncrowning of Ralph Rose as champion one-handed shot-putting at the Olympic games by Pat McDonald and the overshadowing of George Bonhag as the leading middle long distance runner by several men, among them Will Kramer, Abe Kiviat, Louis Scott and the wonderful foreigners, Jean Bouin of France and Hannes Kolehmainen of Finland. Rose and Lombard had been considered unbeatable at their specialties for many many years. John Paul Jones of Cornell, also saw his honors bedimmed when the youth, Tad Meredith, and Norman Tabor took his measure. C. D. Redpath of Syracuse, is another that came to the front, as the greatest quarter-mile runner since Maxey Long.

Holme Best of All. George Holme, the man who put the leap in leap year, was one of the most remarkable record breakers of all. His best jumps are so high that, had there been contemporaries, he would have had to give Mike Sweeney, the former record-breaker, probably two inches in handicap meets.

Holme's defeat at the Olympic games by the unknown Alma Richards of Utah was another unexpected event. Al Guttererson's great broad jumping also was bordering on the record grade, and the same can be said of the hurdling of John Nicholson of Missouri.

Canadian Walking Record. George Goulding, the Canadian, added to his list nearly every walking record that he had not held previously. The exceeding of the thirteen foot mark in the pole vault by Mark Wright of Dartmouth and Bobby Gardner of Yale also more than deserves mention. Jim Duncan's long hauls of the discus beyond Martin Sheridan's best, being in the honorable mention class, too. Then Howard Drew, the dusky little Springfielder, Donald Lippincott of Pennsylvania and Ralph Graf of Michigan, did large things in the sprinting line, while Duke Kahanamoku and

captured the open championship, and the same Miss Curtis that took the tennis supremacy also is queen of the women golfers.

Uhlman Held Pinnacle. The great Uhlman, owned by C. K. G. Billings, holds the pinnacle in the trotting horse world. The hoped for revival of racing did not materialize during 1912, so Uhlman might be called the champion horse of the year. No one man holds two of the billiard titles as the new year comes in. The championship at 18.1 balk line belongs to Ora Morningstar, the 18.2 title to Willie Hoppe as a result of his victory in the recent New York tournament, John Horgan of St. Louis owns the three-cushion supremacy and the pool kingship belongs again to Alfredo DeOro, the wonderful Cuban veteran.

## AMATEUR RECORD IS MARVELOUS

New York, Dec. 28.—While 1912's marvelous amateur athletic record is being extolled one must not forget that the professional, as well as the simon-pures, have been doing some tall things in the athletic line. As a matter of fact, the dollar-chasers excel the amateur foot runners, the big league teams outclass amateur clubs on the diamond.

Almost as much improvement has been made in professional foot racing as in amateur athletics. While no professional of the present has succeeded in approaching W. G. George's wonderful world's one-mile record of 4:12.24, there are only a few of the old professional marks above the mile which still are standing. "Flash" Donaldson, Arthur Postle and Charlie Holloway have been running in the latter part of 1912 in as wonderful time in the sprints as Harry Hutchins, H. M. Johnson, George Seward, "Pouch" and "Piper" Donovan and other famous pros ran in the old days. To be sure, Harry Hutchins' world's 300 yard record of 30 seconds still stands, but most of Harry's other sprint marks have been wiped out by the present day speed marvels.

Seward's Record Unbroken. George Seward's 100-yard professional record of 9.15 seconds has not been broken, but the fact remains that George made the record with the help of a 10-yard flying start. Seward ran his wonderful race in the turnpike road, Hammersmith, England, way back in 1844, and the time never was approached. However, Seward, Johnson or Hutchins never from a standing start equalled the time made by Donaldson and Postle.

Donaldson, who is credited with turning 100 yards in 8.8 seconds in February, 1910, stepped 100 yards in 9.5 seconds a year ago.

Postle, timed by electricity, was clocked in 9.12 seconds for 100 yards. Only a few weeks ago in England Donaldson in his 130 yard race against Walker, was clocked in 12.3-16 seconds.

The nearest approach to the 130-yard figure made by Donaldson and Postle was W. Johnson's performance of 12.18 seconds in Fenham park, England, in 1867. The fact of the case was, however, that Johnson had a gale of wind at his back and should not have been credited with the figures any more than Tom Keane and Alf Downer in their remarkable time ahead of a gale of wind in Sheffield. The nearest approach under fair conditions to the 130 yard figures of Donaldson and Postle was H. M. Johnson's 12.12 seconds in Pittsburgh in 1886.

Donaldson Fastest Runner. Donaldson has now proved himself the fastest runner of modern times, in the opinion of many experts.

What Donaldson, Postle and Holloway have been doing to the old sprint records, Bill Kolehmainen, Arthur Wood, Hans Holmer and Billy Quail have been doing to the old distance racing figures.

Game Revolutionized. Dorando Pietri's sensational collapse and Johnny Hayes' memorable victory in the London Olympic marathon in 1908 completely revolutionized the distance running game, both professional and amateur. It started the marathon craze, which spread with the speed of a prairie fire throughout the world. For several months marathons were all the rage, both in Europe and the United States.

Soon after Hayes' return to America he turned professional and hooked up in a match with Dorando in Madison Square garden. This match was the first of a series of professional distance races, a series which say the rise of several remarkable distance men and the fall of many old time distance records.

Record Breakers. Among the athletes who have broken the old professional distance running records, the Ontario Indian, John Svanberg, the former Swedish amateur; Henri St. Ives of France, Gusta Ljungstrom and Thure Johansson of Sweden and Fred Meadows of Canada.

These stars lately have been supplanted and their records broken by Billy Quail of Alexandria Bay and Hans Holmer, the New York boy, who spent so many years in Canada that he was hailed as a Canadian. Later still came Arthur Wood, the former Essex Beagle of England, and Bill Kolehmainen of the remarkable Kolehmainen family of runners of Finland. With the exception of the 16, 17 and 15 mile records, Wood, Holmer and Kolehmainen now hold all the world's professional records from 13 miles to 26 miles, 355 yards—a so-called full marathon distance. Woods holds the world's 13, 14 and 15 mile records, 1:07.44 4-5, 1:13.01 2-5 and 1:18.15.

An idea of how remarkable Woods' 15 mile record is may be obtained when it is said that the time is one minute 49.5 seconds faster than the time hung up by Fred Appleby in his remarkable victory over Shurbb in 1902.

Wood made the record in Celtic park last May. The measurement of the track was certified, as was the timing. Such recognized timers as Charles Dieges, Johnny O'Brien, Chris Dalton and Billy McLoughlin held the watches.

Quail, finishing second to Wood, in that race, was clocked in 1:21.02 1-5, which, though slower than Appleby's amateur figures, beat the best professional time of 1:21.40, which Jack Price made in Scotland in 1910. When Hans Holmer won the Powderhall marathon in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1911, beating Longboat, Bouchard, Ljungstrom White Gardner and other famous runners, he slaughtered figures by the wholesale hanging up

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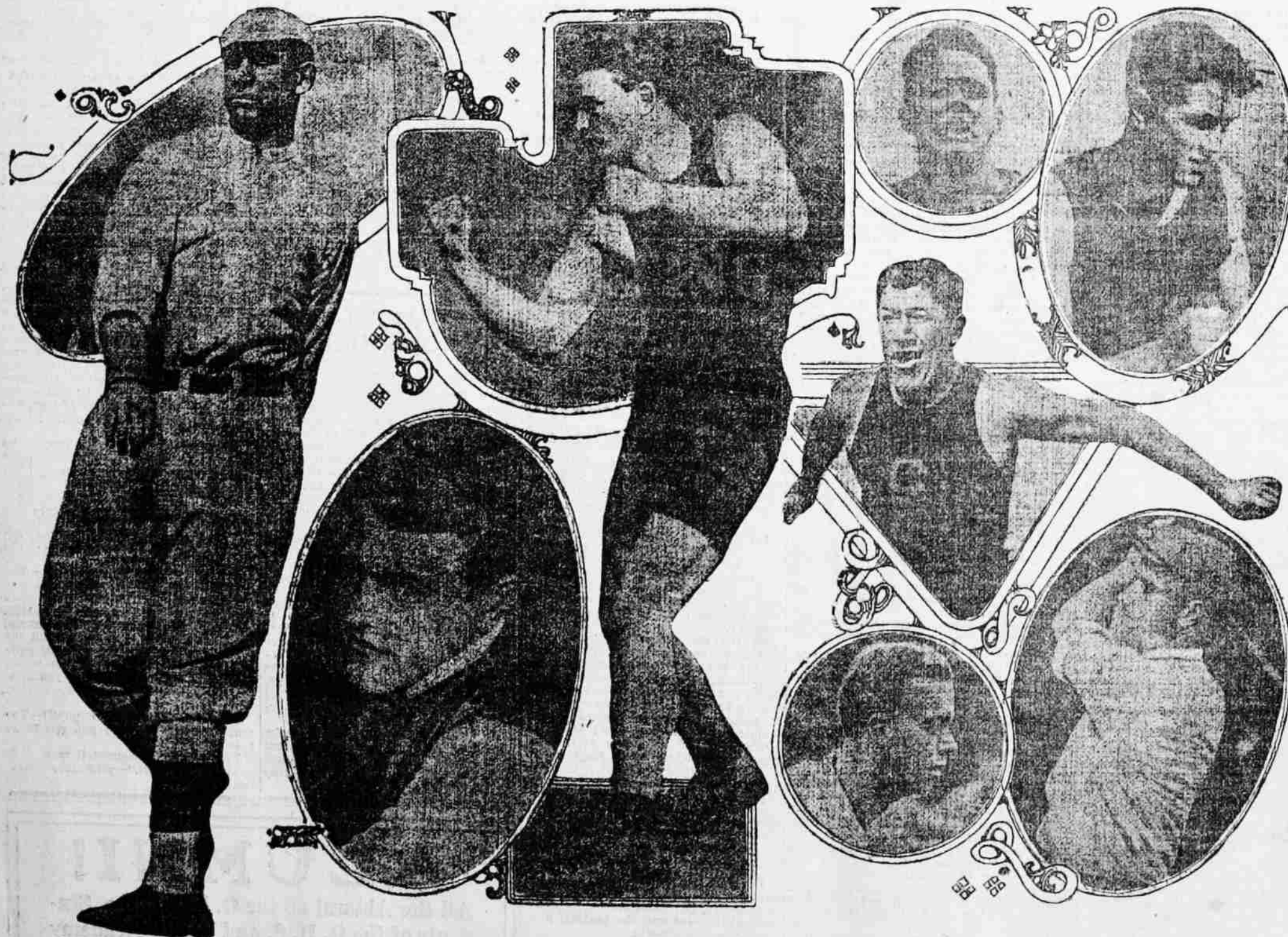
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## A CLUSTER OF SOME OF THE ATHLETIC STARS OF 1912



On the left is Jake Sthal, who led the Red Sox to the world's baseball championship. Below on his right is Willie Hoppe, the world's billiard champion at 18.2 balkline, and above Luther McCarty, one of the great white hopes, who meets Al Palzer on New Year's day. To his right, at top is Ted Meredith, winner of the 860 metre race at the Stockholm Olympic games, and Johnny Kilbane, who wrestled the featherweight title from Abe Attell.

Below them is Jim Thorpe, the greatest all round athlete of his day, winner of the decathlon and pentathlon at Stockholm.

In the lower right hand corner is Jerome D. Travers, the new amateur golf champion, and his right Maurice E. McLoughlin, the new tennis king.